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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH GA: TIMING OF PLENARY CONSIDERATION

1. ROK MINISTER AHN INFORMED US THAT HE HAS RESPONDED TO A FRIENDLY STAFF-LEVEL INQUIRY FROM U.N. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL MORSE'S OFFICE (GAZARIAN) AS TO ROK DESIRES CONCERNING TIMING OF ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE REPORT ON KOREA. GAZARIAN HAD OBSERVED THAT WHILE THE DPRK WAS PRESSING FOR "THE EARLIEST" CONSIDERATION, THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVED THE FIRST CONVENIENT DATE FOR THE ASSEMBLY TO TAKE UP THE FIRST COMMITTEE REPORTS (OUTER SPACE, STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, KOREAN ITEMS) WOULD PROBABLY BE 18 NOVEMBER. AHN SAID THAT THE PRINCIPAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ROK ARE (A) THEIR OWN NEED FOR SOME REASONABLY CERTAIN DATE OR ALTERNATE DATES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND (B) THE CORE GROUP'S VIEW THAT SWEDISH GROUP CONCILIATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE TIME, WHATEVER THEIR RESULT, AND THAT FRIENDLY CO-SPONSORS SHOULD NOT EMULATE THE DPRK IN TRYING TO CUT OFF THOSE EFFORTS BY INSISTING ON A PRECIPITOUS ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE. WITH THESE CONSIDERATION IN MIND, AHN RESPONDED TO GAZARIAN THAT 18 NOVEMBER WOULD BE SATISFACTORY IF IT SUITED THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHERS IN THE ASSEMBLY. HE HAD
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ADDED THAT, IF THIS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY TO PROVE INCONVENIENT,

THE ROK WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN LATER DATE.

2. MISOFF SUGGESTED THE ROK LET THE SWEDISH GROUP KNOW IT HAD TAKEN A CONCILIATION-FURTHERING POSITION ON SCHEDULING. AHN SAID HE WOULD DO SO THROUGH THE INDONESIAN OR NEPALESE DELEGATIONS, EACH OF WHICH PARTICIPATES IN THE SWEDISH GROUP.

3. AHN SAID UKUN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP ALSO THOUGHT 18 NOVEMBER ACCEPTABLE.

4. AMBASSADOR BENNETT HAS SINCE DISCUSSED TIMING FOR THE KOREAN ITEM IN PLENARY WITH UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL MORSE. ACCORDING TO MORSE, THE HOSTILE SIDE IS PRESSING HARD FOR VERY EARLY CONSIDERATION, BUT MORSE CONFIRMED 18 NOVEMBER AS THE PROBABLE DATE.
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